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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2015–16 REGULAR SESSION

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 9

Introduced by Assembly Member McCarty

(Coauthors: Assembly Members Bloom and Chiu) Chiu, Achadjian, Alejo, Atkins, Baker, Bigelow, Bonilla, Bonta, Brough, Brown, Burke, Calderon, Campos, Chau, Chu, Cooley, Cooper, Dababneh, Dahle, Daly, Dodd, Eggman, Frazier, Beth Gaines, Gallagher, Cristina Garcia, Gatto, Gipson, Gonzalez, Gordon, Grove, Hadley, Harper, Roger Hernández, Irwin, Kim, Lackey, Levine, Lopez, Low, Maienschein, Mathis, Medina, Melendez, Mullin, Obernolte, O'Donnell, Patterson, Quirk, Rendon, Rodriguez, Salas, Steinorth, Mark Stone, Thurmond, Ting, Wagner, Waldron, Weber, Williams, and Wood)

(Coauthors: Senators Leno, Liu, and Pan)

January 16, 2015

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 9—Relative to Pet Care Education Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 9, as amended, McCarty. Pet Care Education Month.

This measure would declare the month of January 2016 as Pet Care Education Month and would request Californians to observe the month by ensuring that their companion animals receive the proper preventative care by establishing a financial plan for pet health emergencies and by contributing to charitable organizations that provide low-cost spay and

neutering services and vaccinations or funds to help low-income individuals pay for veterinary care.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, An increasing number of dogs and cats in the
2 United States do not get the regular, preventative health care that
3 they need to stay healthy; and

4 WHEREAS, Animal welfare organizations often bear the burden
5 of dealing with animal health care issues that could have been
6 prevented, such as dental and skin issues, nutritional deficiencies,
7 heartworm, pyometra, distemper, and parvo; and

8 WHEREAS, It is the policy of the State of California to
9 encourage pet owners to take steps to responsibly care for their
10 pets, including providing for responsible nutrition and regular
11 visits to a veterinarian, and ensuring that their pets receive proper
12 preventative care such as vaccinations, spaying or neutering, oral
13 care, and heartworm prevention; and

14 WHEREAS, National and local animal welfare organizations,
15 animal shelters, animal control agencies, veterinarians, and others
16 engaged in the care and feeding of pets will join together to
17 advocate for “Pet Care Education Month,” which will help
18 Californians receive affordable preventative care for their pets
19 throughout the month of January 2016; now, therefore, be it

20 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
21 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature of the State of California
22 declares the month of January 2016 as Pet Care Education Month
23 in California and requests Californians to observe the month by
24 ensuring that their companion animals receive the proper
25 preventative care by establishing a financial plan for pet health
26 emergencies and by contributing to charitable organizations that
27 provide low-cost spay and neuter services and vaccinations or
28 funds to help low-income individuals pay for veterinary care; and
29 be it further

30 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
31 of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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